**Role: PatientsVoices@RCoA**

**Role Type: Volunteer – reasonable expenses paid**

**Location: Remote with occasional travel**

**Contract Type: Average 4 hours per week – 3 years initial term**

**About the Role**

PatientsVoices@RCoA is a group of volunteers who support, advise and influence the Royal College of Anaesthetists by providing the patient perspective on its work. We can offer you a range of contribution and development opportunities, and the knowledge that you are making a positive difference to the lives of patients, and the healthcare staff who look after them.

There are a wide range of activities to suit different skills and levels of commitment if you are appointed as a member. You might be a permanent member on formal committees, or help us produce information for patients, or be part of visits to hospitals to assess anaesthetic departments and the care they provide to patients.

**About You**

Would you like to help improve the quality of care patients receive at the time of surgery and anaesthesia? Do you have either personal experience or a parent/carer’s experience of supporting family members or dependents through surgery? Could you give your views to help doctors and other health care professionals understand patient perspectives?

If this is you, please read the information below and consider applying to join PatientsVoices@RCoA. Please note that this is a volunteer unpaid role, but reasonable expenses will be reimbursed or covered in advance. We welcome individuals from all backgrounds, communities and sections of society across the UK.

**What we can offer you**

* A comprehensive induction, and training as required
* A buddy to help you get settled in the role and understand how the College works
* Regular check-ins to see how you are doing and what we can do to support you
* The opportunity to gain confidence and add valuable experience to your CV
* The opportunity to gain understanding of how the healthcare system works in the UK
* The chance to work with doctors and make a difference to patients’ experience of the NHS
* The opportunity to meet new people and socialise
* A flexible approach to engaging with us, with opportunities tailored to your life circumstances

**About the Royal College of Anaesthetists**

The Royal College of Anaesthetists is the professional body responsible for the anaesthetic specialty throughout the UK. We ensure the quality of patient care by maintaining standards in anaesthesia, intensive care and pain medicine.

**How to Apply**

Please read more information about this role and follow the instructions to apply at this link:

<https://www.rcoa.ac.uk/patients/patient-public-involvement/apply-be-member-patientsvoicesrcoa#no-back>